

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses the Election/Restrictions requirement.

Applicant respectfully submits that a single generic inventive concept pervades all of the claims.

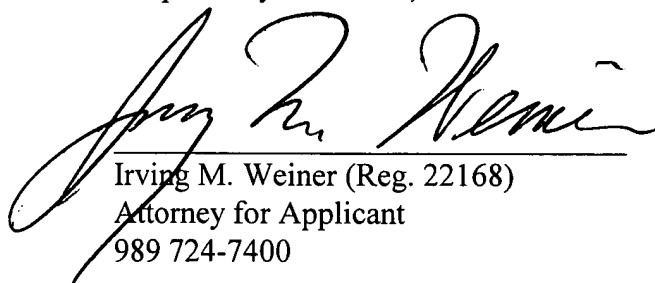
Notwithstanding the foregoing, in response to the requirement that applicant elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no general claim is finally held to be allowable, applicant provisionally elects the species shown in Figs. 1-6.

Furthermore, in response to the requirement that the present reply must also identify any claims readable on the elected species, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6 read on the provisional elected species.

In response to the requirement that this response must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed, applicant provisionally elects the invention set forth in claims 1-6.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

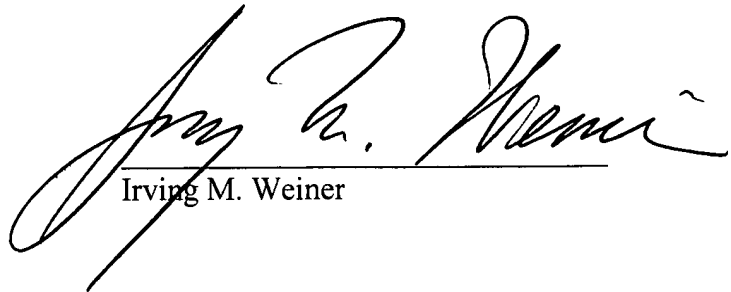
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